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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified in the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents that are not U.S. patent documents are also attached, along with the accompanying English language abstract or English language equivalent. Applicants note that the listed documents were cited in a corresponding Japanese application. A concise explanation of relevance of these non-English language documents may be found in the accompanying English language abstract or English language equivalent.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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